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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 16, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-20 and 24 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

- I. Claims 1-20 and 24, drawn to Volume Control, classified in class 381, subclass 104.
- II. Claim 21 and 22, drawn to digital audio data processing system, classified in class 700, subclass 94.
- III. Claim 23, drawn to Digital audio data processing system, classified in class 700, subclass 94.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-2347, under Order No. 00-4026 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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